

REMARKS

In an Office Action dated June 13, 2005, the Examiner requested restriction of the claims to those in to one of the following groups:

Group I: Claims 1-16 drawn to a data processing system, performing an automated financial or business method, practice or task, comprising a point-of-sale terminal having a specified transaction journal output feature (e.g., display prompt, printed receipt, voice output, etc.).

Group II: Claims 17-28 drawn to a method of business, finance, or management comprising input to a point-of-sale terminal by product or record sensing.

Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, Group I (Claims 1-16, drawn to a data processing system, performing an automated financial or business method, practice or task, comprising a point-of-sale terminal having a specified transaction journal output feature (e.g., display prompt, printed receipt, voice output, etc.).

The Examiner, in his comments, stated that claims 17-28 were directed to a separate invention for the reason that:

In this case, the process as claimed can be used to practice another materially different apparatus or by hand, such as with a point-of-sale system having no prompting system, the prompting instead being provided manually by a store point-of-sale system supervisor/attendant.

Claim 17 has been amended to make clear that the recited prompting is not being provided manually by a store point-of-sale system supervisor/attendant, but rather, is provided "by use of the prompting system" which claim 17 further makes clear is a component of the referenced self-checkout system.

Response to Restriction Requirement
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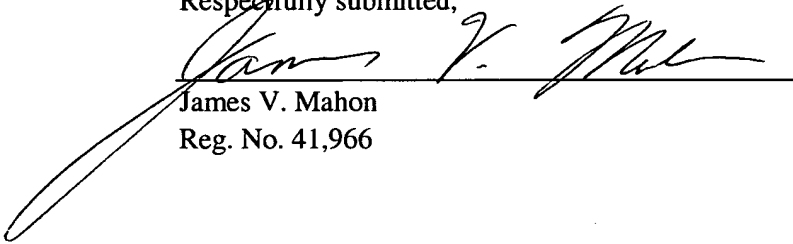
It is respectfully submitted that amended claim 17, and its dependent claims 18-28, are no longer subject to being practiced by "another, materially different apparatus, or by hand" and, accordingly, the Examiner's reason for restriction is no longer applicable. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the restriction in light of the claim amendments and it is requested that claims 17-28 be examined together with claims 1-16.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-28 are now pending and believed to be in proper form for allowance. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due in connection with this response to Deposit Account No. 50-0521.

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